

Fowler, p. 612--Newton poem

The continent of the mind

The mental continent of...

Moe: mind as a continent

There are 8. mind is " " " "

Atlantic?

Heaven?

Morrie abt teaching:

"It engages the mind." From his tone of voice, he might have been talking about...

the hoi polloi

Morrie lectures somebody that it shdn't be "the"

Monie:

This ^{is} was not curative.

a chain of iron-cold days

the past hour's freshfall of snow

weather file

(blustery) days borrowed from March
(early April, for ex)

I've heard people bluster of the onset of winter, "Let ^{'er} it come. We were here first." No one of my family ever joked that way about winter. We soberly watched for it to come, (were "afraid" of the roads)...

the wind full of cold from twenty-foot drifts in the mountains.

an open winter

weather signs and sayings--see Shoestring/Montana details file

anvil clouds, avalanche & rockslide clouds

1 March '89

very small fine snow is falling, like slow rain (white rain) with occasional crystals big enough to waft and wobble as they fall.

--with occasional wobble of white flake to suggest seriousness.

--fatter flakes now, ~~floating~~ dropping in dizzy crisscross patterns

winter sun, a (dim) flame behind isinglass

Christmas

gifts of clothing that was needed

(Mary Dawson letter)

strung popcorn & cranberries as decoration

(Howard Gribble letter)

barrel of toys, clothes etc. from Iowa grandmother

(Fern Eggers letter #2)

decorated a big tumbleweed

(Fern Eggers letter #2)

choosing gifts from catalogue

(Irene Olsen letter #1--kids all chose fountain pens)

knife-sharpened pencil, w/ crude cuts

Paul, abut Marias School:

My inspector has been here twice. (i.e., in recent circumstances)

--set this up in connection w/ inspector visiting Morrie's school.

sometimes to a little than

"Maybe I don't know as much as I let on."

Morrie: "That is the sort of thing I mean."

Oliver receives notice the school inspector is coming.

--Marias Coulâe turnover in teachers.

Oliver: They kept getting married off. We thought we'd avoided that w/ Addie Trent.

Morrie: Be assured I have no nuptial plans.

inspector ultimately comes for Xmas program?

The reading finger...

--use to describe Oliver going over some kind of written material
notice of the school inspector coming.

"Damn."

This was volcanic from Father.

stairstep of students (from front of one-rm school to back)

Morrie to Paul:

Hubris. Look it up.

When you have to look that up, it is too late. I... (felt taken down several pegs)
a peg,

Morrie in rhetorical flight in school:

There he went.

your folks talk

old mumblejumble Isaac

Gus

The capacity (of 1-rm school) was not merely within its walls.

- Movie extended it upward (comet) & outward, into the seas
of space.

his birthstone was a mud daub.

I lived for words on the page, as if I were the end of the sentence being read.

Some parents are less than happy w/ Morrie's teaching, but... (kids do OK)

--He teetered on the high wire, but never quite plummeted.
some days more than others,

"Paul, you're not dumb. Don't even try."

changed in
final draft -
cut - poem etc
R Fair

New York was the portal to confusion and Castle Garden was its keyhole. The entire world of us seemed to be trying to squeeze into America through there. Volleys of questions were asked of us, our health and morals were appraised, our pounds and shillings slid through the money exchange wicket and came back out as dollars and cents. Then we were outside, on America, trying to find our way through the city that was twenty of Glasgow. New York, New York, so grand they had to name it twice/You wonder why, when once served for

Paradise. I suppose our experience of New York's hustle and bustle was every America-comer's: fabulous, and we never wanted to do it again.

follows →

Paul at some point revisits Morrie's question about what he wants to be in life.

. lot of us

Ringer boys: in cloth caps and bib overalls

Moe discovers Paul is bright, capable of doing work in a higher grade, wants to advance him (i.e., skip him ahead).

Paul: "Please don't."

"Whyever not?"

Paul explains about taking care of Damon and Toby. Moe doesn't skip him, but does give him extra instruction.

Rf
und.?

Miss Trent

She was a stickler on that, & much else.

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HD 8393.
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RF

Destiny Obscure, ed. John Burnett

83--~~YE~~ before sewing machines, "The tiny needle was the great instrument of industry in the homes."

84--"I learned to swim and fight."

86--author, Alfred Ireson, b. 1856 at Whittlesea, near Oundle, son of stone mason.

"My first job was on a farm. My wages 1s. 6d. per week. My work was to scare crows from the newly growing corn. A pair of clappers were provided. When the crows came I had to send them off on to other fields to feed. I had to be up with the crows, and did not go home until the last had gone to bed--14 or 15 hours a day. Then my wages were advanced to 2s. 6d. per week, but for the additional 1s. about a dozen pigs were put under my care."

87--"My dear mother never failed to come to my assistance. With my clean clothes she continued to put what money she could spare in the toe of my clean socks..."

193--author, Charles Cooper, b. 1872 at Walton, Y'shire.

194--"correct holding of the pen was insisted upon--'Thumb on left side of pen, first finger on top, second finger on right side, little finger resting on paper, wrist flat and end of pen pointing towards their right ear."

--"Pens in those days had steel split nibs; the nibs often got crossed and they dripped ink readily."

195--"Multiplication tables from two to twelve times were memorized &..followed by money tables, weights and measures..."

Learn whatever is there.

movie, about past?

Even yet,

I would go like an arrow. Wd-' you?

Susan?

History goes on at a new slant from there.

- like paths to cathedral

that pleated personality

Paul abt Monie:

I suppose

(It) takes one to know one.

Stanley to Angus about the coming of the nat'l forest:

I wouldn't say you have to like it. If you'd just try get used ~~nt~~ to it, that'd
be enough to suit me.

...the about-to-get-caught look of somebody who has traveled very far on very little.

that beehive of a head

show a calm functioning day at school (which maybe explodes @ recess or on way home)

the pull of the moon

Morrie:

..."our equivalent of the Chicago fire, you mean?" (i.e., the unspecified business disaster behind Rose & him)

Wk Space/
technique

a few times, cd use a family listing of reactions to something, along the lines of everyone's response to Bruce becoming a diver.

spelling bee vs. South Fork (Sam Duff?)

--have this county-wide, held in Conrad (or Valier?)

spelling bee: one teacher pulls a fast one, throwing in some word like
"sockdologizer" (from play Lincoln was at when shot).

--or something French?

--or something simple but confusing, like "gauge"? *grizzly/grisly/gristly*

--or some homonym (like real/reel) by which the person in charge can say ThatIs wrong,
the other word was intended

fizzle/fisile

- participant call stipulate: "Definition, please."

Something too young to be a man, but too old to be a boy.

Eddie?

"...The most thing I want..."

Construed from all four corners, (the room was...)

school

--Monty's?

school inspection >

A hope & came through

...without surface damage (i.e., someone looks unscathed by what's just been said)

Morrie in classroom: "Hats off to OO!"

--he issues paper hats?

That was not a sound idea.

copied from an unused Sky "prism" idea

One freestanding story every soul has, and that is childhood.

But the adult version has the agony, the embarrassment, mostly leached out. It thinks dreams were the currency back then, when uncertainty was.

"You'll be stretched by life (by the world?) soon enough." Moe to Paul?

OO had the trick skill of...

his blowtorch opinions

~~Omnia~~ culpa." (Moe says?)

A teacher always

"You crave the perfect, but you live with the actual."

--Susan, abt students?

--to Wes, in France?

homesteader letters: Irene Olsen

--2nd letter, box social, ~~hex~~ syrup sandwiches

- detail for Susan's opera Ha

Barbara Rellis?

used in
#E?

homestead
Scotchman

The tongues of the Ringer women can be rough as cats', when they get

going on this one and that.

~~father~~

OO savored this.

tired of being my own paymaster

I was not my own best paymaster. (Angus, taking teaching job)

or when the job is offered to him: I've never said I was my own best paymaster,
I admitted.

... (Norwegian) would-' speak American, he'd speak that broken stuff.
English? (Gwynn, 305)

- a parent or schil child complaint of . Hobbs, or somebody else non-Scotch

Oliver, Marie?

"Silly me. I thought..."

Paul's classmate:

She knew I knew that answer. (She whispers: "Why didn't you...") ^{say answer?}

--Paul conceals how much he knows in school, not to stand out. Ultimately Moe catches him at it, keeps him after school, and tells him: "Paul, ^{I fear that} you are guarding the harem under false pretenses."

Mentally swift I may have been
or not, I could not keep up with that.

or: Whatever he suspected the size of the inside of my hat was, that went over my head. at the time

Morrie's mustache: Damon experimentally wrinkling his upper lip.

broken window in school or teacherage? Morrie says it was grouse.

--or Brose left schlhouse door open, so it filled w/ mosquitoes? (skeeter slaughter scene)

school:

family traits run through schoolkids: No OO could ever sit still,

(Finletters) excel at arithmetic.

But a teacher had to watch out, not to peg a child automatically like his older brothers or sisters. (give an example)

Moe

~~Angus~~ might read to his pupils:

Washington Irving--Headless Horseman

Eddie!

Mark Twain--Conn. Yankee

Hawthorne?

Verl, please oblige Vivian.

"I don't like to have to be too thinky about it." ^{things} (~~Jocelyn or Shyanne?~~)

Eddie

the orrery, instead of a one-day sensation, became part of schooldays, of school life, like a kid with (9 heads? limbs?). Our friend.